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Transcriptase Lacking RNase H
Activity**

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Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The numbering on this Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicants' Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith in connection with the above-captioned application. All documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in Application No. 09/220,330, filed December 24, 1998.

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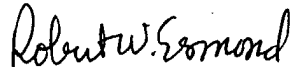
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This Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Thus, no statement or fee is required.

Consideration of the cited documents and making the same of record in the prosecution of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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OTHER (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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	AS	<u>52</u>	Life Technologies, Inc. v. Clontech Laboratories, Inc., Appeal 99-1550 (Fed. Cir. September 21, 2000)
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